



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2706

October 2, 2006

### Apple Harvest Well Underway

Although a small amount of rain fell late in the week conditions were dry enough to have an average of **5.50 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 1, 2006. Many Delaware farmers took advantage of days early in the week to start harvesting **soybeans**. **Soybean** condition is rated 10 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 33 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 4 very short. **Corn** harvested for grain progressed 21 percent from the previous week to 54 percent complete.

**Apple** harvest is moving along. Farmers had harvested 72 percent of apples week's end, 27 percent ahead of last year and 19 percent ahead of the five-year average.

**Pastures** are rated 6 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 3 percent very short, 31 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b> <i>Percent</i>				
<b>Corn:</b>				
Mature	100	97	100	96
Harvested for Grain	54	33	66	55
Harvested for Silage	100	97	100	87
<b>Soybeans:</b>				
Turning Color	72	54	87	65
Dropping Leaves	48	35	75	45
Harvested	5	2	7	4
Barley: Planted	12	3	15	14
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	84	56	57	65
Other Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	36	33	7	33
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
Apples	72	49	57	60

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	1	1	13	4	5	16
Short	8	6	16	23	20	23
Adequate	85	91	65	72	74	58
Surplus	6	2	6	1	1	4

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.19	29.49	-1.66	82	42	62	-2
Frederick	0.55	30.06	0.13	78	45	62	3
Frostburg	0.49	27.01	-9.29	69	37	54	-3
Hagerstown	0.38	26.10	-3.15	75	44	60	-3
Mechanicsville	1.32	38.03	3.48	82	43	61	-3
Patuxent River	1.39	29.64	-2.76	87	46	66	3
Ocean City	0.63	27.46	-7.27	81	43	63	-3
Salisbury	0.32	33.30	-1.89	85	37	61	-4
Sharpsburg	0.69	32.68	2.75	78	42	60	1
Stevensville	1.86	34.05	2.06	81	44	65	1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.25	36.19	6.72	83	50	65	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.61	29.78	-4.27	82	46	64	-2
Georgetown	0.49	32.70	-1.28	84	42	63	0
Wilmington	1.27	37.26	5.95	79	43	62	-2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.